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Re: Docket #98N-1230, #96P-0418, #97P-0197

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Office: 5 | 8/828-2000 Fax: 5 | 18/828-2008 have@haveinc.com www.haveinc.com Dear Sir or Madam:

am writing to support the petition filed under the above docket numbers concerning the elimination of forced molting in farm hens.

Not only is&practice of forced molting cruel, but it is <code>extremely</code> unsafe for consumers because of the risk of salmonella contamination in their food. The FDA need to stop this practice altogether. Putting warning labels on egg cartons to warn about bacteria is not enough.

I urge the FDA to move quickly on this issue. The longer you let this practice go unchecked **the longer these animals** will suffer **needlessly** and. the higher the risk of contamination becomes. THERE IS A DIRECT LINK!!!

Thank you for your time and support concerning this matter.

Yours very truly,

HAVE, Inc.

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